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1. The amendment filed on October 30, 2002 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention (Species A, Fig. 2, as elected in Paper No. 7) and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the elected Species A, as depicted by instant Figure 2, includes primary spin devices at the base of the device, which would preclude a non-spinning zone, as now recited by amended independent claim 11 and newly added dependent claims 17-19. Clearly, as now recited, claims 11 and 18 read on either of non-elected Species C and D, Figs. 4 and 5, respectively, while newly added dependent claims 17 and 19 read on Species D, as depicted by Fig. 5 of the application. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE

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